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SITE: Coakley  
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Re: Coakley Landfill - EPA Information Request

Dear Mr. Calder:

This letter follows the response of the City of Portsmouth to EPA's information requests contained in Attachment A of the Notice to Potentially Responsible Parties in the Coakley Landfill matter. Question One of that attachment asked for information concerning after-hours dumping at the site. Information on this subject has recently come to our attention.

Enclosed is a copy of a statement made by William Adinolfo, a Portsmouth Naval Shipyard employee who lives adjacent to the landfill. Mr. Adinolfo reports witnessing the disposal of Shipyard wastes at the site during early morning hours for one or two years beginning in 1979.

In addition, we enclose a copy of a statement made by former Coakley employee Norman E. Lord concerning dumping of hazardous waste at the site by Paul Keefe, as requested in Attachment A of the PRP notice. We also enclose a statement by former North Hampton Building inspector and Health Officer, John Doggett.

We will continue to keep you apprised of any pertinent information that comes to our attention.

Very truly yours,



John T. Alexander

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cc: Robert Sullivan, Esq.  
Enclosures

**STATEMENT OF JOHN G. DOGGETT**

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**PRESENT EMPLOYMENT: MAINTENANCE MANAGER - OMNI MALL**

Between the years 1959 through 1976 inclusive, I worked as a carpenter for E.L. Patterson and Son.

From the Spring of 1975 through the Spring 1977, I was also the Building Inspector and Health Officer for the Town of North Hampton, N.H. This was a part-time position.

People in North Hampton desiring building permits would come to my home, where I maintained an office. When appropriate, I would issue the permits, and would then do field inspections under the guidelines of the State of New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Board.

Sometime during the period that I held this position with North Hampton, I was working at Pease Air Force Base for E.L. Patterson and Son. I was helping to remodel a building at Pease which was used for the repair and calibration of electronic gear. I do not remember the building number.

At this building, items such as radios, radar equipment, etc. would be brought in. A good deal of solvents and cleaning agents were used to clean the equipment.

Behind this building there was a pit. In the pit was a tank, which I would estimate to be the size of a standard, home heating oil tank (approximately 250 to 275 gallons).

I can recall individuals kidding around saying, "Don't go out back, it smells". They of course were referring to the solvent and cleaning fluids tank and pit area.

During the approximate 1½ months that I worked at this building, on two occasions, I saw a green tank truck go to the pit area behind the building I was remodeling. I observed it sucking out the solvents and etc. from the tank.

This truck was an old vehicle with faded paint, and had Maine plates and dual wheels on the rear. It had no lettering on the truck to indicate its ownership or affiliation.

This vehicle was much shorter than the large trucks containing chemicals that are seen on our major highways.

From what I saw of this truck on base, it was my belief that the operator probably had a route where he was picking up liquid waste from various points on the base. On one particular day, after I had earlier seen the truck suck the liquids from behind the building in which I was working, I happened to

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follow the vehicle out the back gate of Pease Air Force Base on my way home from work. From there I followed it to the main entrance of the Coakley Landfill where the vehicle turned in and headed toward the landfill area. I did not follow it to it's final destination within the landfill.

On another occasion, I happened to be at the landfill area when this same green truck arrived, and proceeded to discharge its liquid waste in close proximity to me.

The material that was discharged from the truck at this time looked to me to have a consistency like the waste that is taken from a restaurant grease trap. However, the discharged fluid had a very powerful smell like solvents. So strong was its odor, that I had to back away from it.

This particular time period was before hazardous waste became vogue. However, I felt that in my capacity as the Building Inspector and Health Officer for the Town of North Hampton, that the dumping of this hazardous waste was wrong. I informed the Seectmen of the situation, who suggested that I inform the Water Pollution Control Board.

As a result of that, I then complained to the New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Board. I was informed by them that they also could not do anything regarding my complaint, whereas it was a matter of a federal agency dumping hazardous waste in a municipal landfill. Basically, I was told that this matter did not come under their purview.

I became very frustrated over this matter. I knew that what I had observed what wrong and probably illegal. However, I did not get any help in dealing with it.

On March 15, 1990, I gave testimony at a public hearing at the North Hampton Elementary School. This was sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency and the State of New Hampshire. At that time, I briefly described what I have related to in this statement.

END OF STATEMENT

4/19/90  
Date

John G. Doggett  
John G. Doggett

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I hereby certify that the signature above is that of John G. Doggett of  
REDACTED - PERSONAL PRIVACY His signature was applied to this  
statement on this date, as noted.

April 19, 1990  
Date

Raymond W. Labrie  
Raymond W. Labrie  
Justice of the Peace  
State of New Hampshire

**STATEMENT OF WILLIAM ADINOLFO**

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In November of 1979, I moved to my residence on <sup>REDACTED - PERSONAL PRIVACY</sup> from which I had a good view of the Coakley Landfill site.

For a one to two year period, during the first few years following the closure of the landfill, on a fairly regular basis, I would see tractor trailers with 20 to 30 cubic yard dump bodies on the site in the early morning hours. These dumpings were made most usually between 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. Because I am a naturally curious individual, I would go to the site to see what was being dumped.

I recognized the materials that were being dumped by these trucks as having come from the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, where I am employed. The dumped materials would include sand blasting grit, herculite, (some of which was stamped with the letters USN), staging wood and packing crates.

On occasion I would bring home some of the staging wood, whereas it was handy for small projects. The wood was stamped with code numbers, for example FR82. The staging wood at the Navy Yard is stamped this way to show that the wood would be fire resistant or fire retardant until the year 1982. From my personal knowledge, I know that the sand blasting grit was used to remove old paint from the submarines prior to painting. I am aware that the submarines are painted with red lead and epoxy type paints.

On occasion I used to take my own garbage to the landfill. Now and then, I would see septic tank trucks emptying their waste in the general area where trash was also being dumped.

At times there is still an odor coming from the landfill which smells like burnt oil.

Prior to being put on town water, our well water was so bad that it was staining the enamel sinks in our home and also our clothes. When the water was turned on from the well, it appeared orange, slimy and contained black sediment.

4-16-1990

Date

William Adinolfo  
William Adinolfo

I hereby certify that the signature above is that of William Adinolfo of <sup>REDACTED - PERSONAL PRIVACY</sup> His signature was applied to this statement on this date, as noted.

April 16, 1990  
Date

Raymond W. Labrie  
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Justice of the Peace  
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STATEMENT OF NORMAN E. LORD

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I cannot remember the year, but sometime in the early 1970's, I was employed to do light work at the Coakley Landfill in North Hampton, N.H. I worked there for a period of time from six to eight months.

I remember a man who is known to me as Paul Keefe coming to the landfill approximately one time a week over a months time. I also remember that the name Keefe appeared on his truck. During the approximate four times that I saw him come to the landfill, Mr. Keefe had about a dozen 55 gallon barrels on the back of his truck. I remember that most of the barrels had their tops cut off.

Keefe would tip the barrels, emptying dirty looking liquids into the landfill. Mr. Keefe would take most of the empty barrels with him when he left, unless it was badly rusted out. In that case, he would leave the barrel at the landfill area.

Prior to working at the Coakley landfill, I had worked at the Navy Yard. At that time Tom Borza also worked in one of the shops there. I remember on one occasion seeing Mr. Keefe talking to Tom Borza at the Navy Yard. This would have been in the later part of the 1960's. Keefe and Borza were discussing something about their old days in the Navy or some other military branch. Mr. Borza knew Mr. Keefe prior to Borza taking employment at the Coakley Landfill.

While I was still employed at the Landfill, Tom Borza eventually told us that he didn't want anymore drums dumped into the landfill. He said, "they were too hard to crush".

I was present at the landfill when Borza personally told Keefe not to come back with any more drums. I remember that this made Keefe angry and he said, "We'll see about this". When Keefe said this, it was my opinion that he was probably going to go to Mr. Coakley to complain about Borza's decision. However, during the time that I remained in employment at the landfill, Keefe did not come back with any more drums.

I also remember waste oil and rags brought in on pickup trucks. There were several gas stations that were doing this. I do not remember any of the names involved. They would usually involve one to two drums of the oil and rags.

It was my understanding or belief at the time that Mr. Keefe was probably dumping at the landfill before I went to work there. However, I do not have information or evidence to support that belief.

END OF STATEMENT

*Norman E Lord*

witness: *Raymond W. Labadie*

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4/16/1990

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E. Lord of REDACTED - PERSONAL PRIVACY His signature was applied to this statement  
on this date, as noted.

April 16, 1990

Date

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